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WAR ON ENGLISH SPARROW

The League of American Sports-
 men, whose object is the preservation
 of wild life, is considering the
 question of inaugurating a nation-
 wide campaign for the destruction of
 the English sparrow. Its officers
 say that it is driving out the small-
 er song and insectivorous birds, and
 that it has become a question of
 whether we shall have only the Eng-
 lish sparrow to represent our bird
 life or destroy it and regain some 50
 species of useful and beautiful birds
 that used to inhabit cities, farms and
 countryside all over the land.

The league intends to ask the Gov-
 ernor of each state to issue a procla-
 mation declaring war on the English
 sparrow and setting aside a week,
 possibly in April or May of next
 year, to be devoted especially to de-
 stroying nests of this pernicious pest.
 Printed instructions as to the plan
 of the campaign will be sent to the
 Mayors of all incorporated cities and
 villages, to the heads of the school
 systems in every county, to college
 Presidents, to Principals of prepara-
 tory schools, to the heads of the Boy
 Scouts in each state, and to other
 organizations which might be expect-
 ed to extend sympathy and aid.

Four principal methods of action
 will be employed: Tearing down the
 nests, trapping the birds, shooting
 them under police supervision and
 under licenses issued by the police
 authorities, and, in cities where wa-
 ter pressure is available, turning the
 hose on the birds at night after they
 have gone to roost.

The President of the league, Col.
 G. O. Shields, of 1110 Simpson St.,
 New York, says he would like to hear
 from persons interested in the matter,
 both those who favor the plan and
 those opposed.

He makes the statement that in
 the case of the hundreds of thousands
 of bird boxes placed in this country
 in the last ten years, fully 75 per
 cent. have been appropriated by Eng-
 lish sparrows. In cases where blue-
 birds, wrens or other birds that are
 desired by those who put up the
 boxes have taken possession of boxes,
 the sparrows have driven them out,
 thrown their eggs or young to the
 ground, and taken possession them-
 selves.

The good work of Sheriff Lowrey
 is shown by the method which has
 been used in gaining evidence against
 persons held for trial. But few cases
 have come to trial; some forty or
 more persons have pleaded guilty, ow-
 ing to the evidence collected against
 them. When you consider that a day
 of court with the jury in attendance
 costs about one hundred and fifty dol-
 lars (\$150.00), you can readily see
 how efficient and saving to the tax-
 payers the present sheriff has been.

The Democratic candidate for sher-
 iff, raising an objection to the bills of
 the present sheriff, must have forgot-
 ten that he was a member of the
 Board of Supervisors at that time,
 and voted to allow them. If they were
 wrong, why didn't Mr. Vohlers do his
 duty as a representative of the people
 and attempt to have them dis-al-
 lowed? The fact that the bills were
 right is shown by the splendid man-
 ner in which the Board of Supervisors
 treated Sheriff Lowrey.

A HARD WINTER
 There's no dodging the fact that it's

going to be a hard winter for the
 poor, and an expensive winter for ev-
 erybody else. The cost of nearly all
 the necessities of life is steadily
 mounting, especially the cost of food
 stuffs. Figures gathered by the fed-
 eral department of agriculture show
 that the prices of farm products aver-
 aged 22 per cent higher last month
 than in September a year ago. The
 retail increase, as reported from var-
 ious large cities, is still greater.

Flour is higher than at any pre-
 vious time since the civil war, being 60
 per cent more than last year. Beef
 has gone up 12 per cent, lamb and
 chicken 20 per cent, cheese 23 per
 cent, leg of mutton 33 per cent, onions
 50 per cent, cabbage 40 per cent,
 potatoes more than 100 per cent. It
 is much the same with nearly all
 goods bought at the grocery, meat
 shop or the bakery.

Clothing, hats, shoes, stoves, car-
 pets and household supplies in gen-
 eral demand a greater outlay. Dom-
 estic service is more expensive. Hard-
 ly anything seems cheaper except auto-
 mobiles and the gain there is
 counteracted by the high cost of gaso-
 line and oil.

The redeeming feature of the situ-
 ation is that most of us have more
 money than usual to pay for things.
 The nation as a whole is undeniably
 making money—its income is much
 greater than its expenses. But for the
 humbler classes of wage-workers,
 and for the business or professional
 man on a small fixed salary, the
 problem is serious.

Council Proceedings (OFFICIAL)

Council chambers, October twen-
 tieth, nineteen sixteen.

Council called to order by Mayor
 Knapp. Roll call: present, Ald. Tot-
 ten, Barker, Brown, Sayles, McCue—
 5; absent, Ald. Crawford—1.

Minutes of last meetings read and
 approved.

Report of street commissioner was
 read; moved by Ald. Sayles, seconded
 by Ald. McCue, that the report of the
 street commissioner be accepted,
 published and placed on file. Motion
 prevailed: yeas, Ald. Totten, Barker,
 Brown, Sayles, McCue—5; nays, 0.
 Ald. Crawford takes his seat.

Auditing City Bills

Wm. Smith, labor on cemetery \$ 13.12
 Maryland Casualty Co., Work-
 man's Compensation policy
 payment 50.00

Geo. H. Dye, registering cem-
 etery deed 1.65

E. E. Cook, manure used on
 lawn and flower beds 5.00

Jensen & Wheeler, supplies60

Fairbanks, Morse & Co., scale
 tickets 15.00

E. S. Chase, rebate on side-
 walks 20.00

Frank Anteliff, sand 43.20

E. E. Fales, team labor 1.25

Chas. Luce, labor 7.00

Floyd Hale, team labor 14.00

D. S. Anteliff, sand 25.50

John Reynolds, fling saws50

Moved by Ald. Brown, seconded by
 Ald. Totten, that the city bills be al-
 lowed and the clerk be authorized to
 draw orders for the same. Motion
 prevailed: yeas, Ald. Brown, Totten,
 Barker, Sayles, Crawford, McCue—6;
 nays, 0.

Auditing Water Works Bills

Vern Leach, draying \$ 2.75

Kenneth Anderson Co., sup-
 plies 29.64

Houston Coal Co., car coal 98.20

Sunday Creek Coal Co., car
 coal 165.00

Moved by Ald. Brown, seconded by
 Ald. Totten, that the water works
 bills be allowed and the clerk be au-
 thorized to draw orders for the same.
 Motion prevailed: yeas, Ald. Totten,
 Barker, Brown, Sayles, Crawford,
 McCue—6; nays, 0.

Moved by Ald. McCue, seconded by
 Ald. Totten, that the common council
 of the city of Belding do now ad-
 journ. Motion prevailed: yeas, Ald.
 Totten, Barker, Brown, Sayles, Craw-
 ford, McCue—6; nays, 0.

F. E. CONANT,
 City Clerk.

SMYRNA

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wachs and son,
 Ellis, of Elwell, were the over Sun-
 day guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A.
 Cook.

The young people will have their
 party at Macabee hall Friday night.

Mrs. Helen Purdy was a Belding
 visitor last week.

Mrs. E. W. Condon arrived home
 from Milwaukee Tuesday night. She
 reports Mr. Condon's sister, Mrs. Kel-
 ler, as not being much improved.

Frank Joslin, rural mail carrier, is
 taking part of his vacation now and
 Robert Earle is carrying the mail.

Mrs. Al. Barry and Mrs. Lillian
 Dumon were Sunday guests of Mr.
 and Mrs. Chas. Dumon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Purdy and son,
 Guy, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Lem
 Davis and family near Moseley.

The Friendship club will have their
 regular dinner and meeting at Mac-
 abee hall Thursday, November 2.

A dance will be given at Macabee
 hall Friday evening, November 3, for
 the purpose of finishing the raising
 of funds to pay for the piano.

Mr. and Mrs. Vest Osborne enter-
 tained Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lowden
 of Belding last Sunday.

A. H. Norton received word Tues-
 day that his sister, Mrs. Echer, of
 Greenville, was dead. Funeral will
 be held at the home in Greenville,
 on Thursday at two o'clock.

Dr. G. H. Millard received a visit
 Saturday from Ed. Frost of Armada,
 an old neighbor and friend, whom he
 had not seen for over thirty years. He
 had been to Saginaw to attend the
 Oddfellows Grand Lodge, and stop-
 ped off her for a short visit. The old
 friends certainly had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Snyder enter-
 tained his brother from Fife Lake last
 week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lee have a new
 piano.

Mary Root, Vina Parks and Bert
 Dailey autoed to Sheridan Monday.

Ethel Smith was a Saturday eve-
 ning visitor at Nye Cole's.

Maurice Barber is putting a new
 floor in his store.

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 tunities that come our way are only
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SCHOOL LIFE

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The class pictures which were taken
 last week have come and some
 pupils are having a difficult time to
 recognize themselves and classmates.
 A very heated discussion took place
 last Friday afternoon in the U. S.
 history class. The topic for discus-
 sion was "Hughes or Wilson." During
 the debate it was discovered that
 Frank Pinkham possessed a most
 wonderful vocabulary.

It has become popular for the High
 school girls to go for a little Ford
 trip after school hours and run up
 and down clay hills.

The Senior boys wish to thank the
 girls for a most enjoyable party Fri-
 day night. As soon as Lester Jersey
 could be persuaded to stop singing,
 a great many ancient but very en-
 joyable games were played. The most
 delightful part of the program
 came when the hostesses brought
 forth the refreshments. They seemed
 to know what the boys enjoyed
 most. This party was the beginning
 of the series of Senior parties for the
 year.

Everyone seems to be enjoying the
 Friday morning chorus work.

Foot ball game Tuesday afternoon,
 Leonard Park, Greenville vs. Belding.
 Particulars next week.

Report cards are out for the first
 term. Pupils receive the first fruits
 of their labors.

Interesting Statistics from the
 Agricultural Class

The class in agriculture is having
 an interesting study and discussion
 on the cost of production of corn and
 potatoes per acre. We find that corn
 as well as potatoes raised on certain
 land varies in cost of production,
 depending upon the price of land, kind
 of soil, amount of disease present,
 etc.

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While these figures may seem high
 and probably are higher than the
 average cost; yet it must be borne in
 mind that with such treatment as
 these expenditures would afford, we
 would expect a crop larger than the
 average.

Our corn we would expect to yield
 100 bushels per acre which would
 make the bushels cost only 34c, and
 for potatoes we would expect 200
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